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Prayer-cycle of our Mission. 1 Sam. 12:23.

Monday, Chinkiang.

THURSDAY, KIUKIANG.

TUESDAY, NANKING.

FRIDAY, NANCHANG.

WEDNESDAY, WUHU.

SATURDAY, CHIENCHANG.

SUNDAY, THE ENTIRE MISSION.

#### ESTIMATE MEETING NUMBER.

#### A foreword.

The Estimate Meeting of the Central China mission, making estimates for the year 1904 was held in Kuling July 20—22, 1903. From the beginning to the end the meeting was characterized by its deep consciousness of a great need and by the oneness of purpose of all in planning the best way to meet that need. The presence of Bishop Moore, who presided at all sessions, added much to the interest and effectiveness of the meeting.

The estimates this year exceed any that have heretofore been sent home, but the requests were made only after the closest scrutiny. As will be seen in the representations on another page by far the largest proportion of the estimate is for the strengthening of the work already in existence. Our mission has been unfortunate in its almost

unprecedented loss of men through resignation from one cause or another, and the necessitated consequent transfer of others has weakened our hold in certain districts. However the mission believes that it was never in better condition to attack and attack vigorously the strongholds of Satan all along the line.

#### The Basis for Estimates.

This basis consists of nine classes as follows:

Class I Missionaries on the field.

- . 2 Missionaries not on the field.
- ,, 3 New missionaries.
  - 4 Evangelistic work.
- ,, 5 Educational work.
  - 6 Hospitals and dispensaries.
- ,, 7 Property already owned or rented.
- ,, 8 New work.
- ,, 9 General mission or station expenses,

Classes, 1,2,3,8,9 depend almost if not quite entirely upon the direct grants of the Missionary Society. Classes 4,5,6,7 receive a certain proportion of the monies needed to carry on the work from local contributions. It is only in the four classes last mentioned that self support is possible and towards a healthy self support the mission work is gradually moving.

#### Class 1.

#### Missionaries on the Field.

There are at present fifteen missionaries on the field in Central The assistant missionaries, or wives of missionaries, are not included in this number. Including them there are twenty-five. This is our present working force for three large provinces. Of these fifteen eight are engaged in Institutional work, either Medical or Educational. Dr. G. A. Stuart who is the only one now on furlough is also connected with Institutional The result is that for three provinces Central China mission has only six itinerating evangelists. No one denies that if there is to be Institutional work at all it must be properly manned. No hospital has two physicians and there is but one hospital nurse in the mission. Our two higher educational institutions have but three foreigners connected with each, which is the least possible number if these institutions are to succeed in their competition with native schools. We would not lessen the force we have in them but at present the great need is for evangelists. For the present year we estimated for two additional evangelists and we expect them this coming fall, and under Class 3 it will be seen that we are asking for three more next year.

#### Class 2.

#### Missionaries not on the Field.

This class provides for the necessary furloughs of the missionaries. Each year one or more families have to return to the homeland. It is not necessary here to give the many reasons for the home going. It is sufficient to say that it is a recognized necessity by the missionaries on the field, by the Bishops who visit the field, and by the Board at home.

#### Class 3. New Missionaries.

This class provides for those whom we ask for as reinforcements.

As has already been stated we are asking for only three for next year. These by no means represent the number that could be used, but the least possible number we can have without serious detriment to the work. It must be remembered that for new men the best part of two years is set apart for language study so that even though they are sent immediately it will be sometime before they will be able to undertake full work. So that what is really needed is men constantly in preparation not simply for new work but that work as it is may not be interrupted by sudden removal of one of our members.

### Class 4. Evangelistic Work.

This includes estimates for the direct evangelistic work of the six districts of our mission. The salary of the missionary in charge is provided for in Class I, but here are included his travelling expenses in journeying throughout his district, and the salaries of any preachers or

helpers he may have, including Bible-women. The natives are being impressed with the necessity of self support and are now providing about one fifth of the amount expended in this class.

#### Class 5. Educational Work.

Estimates are made in this class for the two higher schools, the Wm. Nast College, at Kiukiang, and the Nanking University, and also for all of the day schools throughout the six districts of the mission. the day schools there is but little expense except the salaries of the teachers, which vary from \$60. to \$84. (local currency) a year. competition with schools established by the Chinese where sometimes a bonus is paid to pupils who enter. it has thus far been found impossible to pay expenses from receipts in our larger schools. Until these schools are endowed we will probably never be able to, but we are yearly diminishing rather than increasing our estimates. But where everything depends on the number of students for the receipts and that number rises and falls with the national pulse in its relation to Western learning the life of these institutions is somewhat precarious. They certainly ought to be put beyond this hand-to-mouth existence by a suitable endowment. Two hundred thousand dollars would place either one of these institutions beyond the need of asking aid from the Missionary Society.

#### Class 6. Medical Work.

This class provides for the need of two hospitals, and for what is hoped may soon be a third hospital. One at Nanking, one at Wuhu, and one to be at Nanchang-fu. This work always becomes in a good measure self supporting, more than half at this time being raised upon the field.

## Class 7. Property as it is.

The Missionary Society owns a good deal of property in houses and lands throughout Central China. These have to be looked after and kept in repair; in addition to this much property is rented. The ideal condition will be reached when in every center, and in the more important outstations the Society will have its own property.

#### Class 8. New Work.

Any man or any organization might as well be dead as to become stagnant. One must reach out to The opportunities are the new. abundant, but it is not easy to find the means whereby to reach out. The work as it is, is barely provided for, and even when the great need of an advance is felt it frequently seems best to strengthen the work as it is. However it has seemed best this year to estimate for property in a center where we have never held property before. The city of Nganking is a large center about half way between Wuhu and Kiukiang. It thus makes a connecting link between the two ends of our mission which at present are nearly twenty hours apart by our steamers. Five thousand river dollars have been asked for the securing of property in this place. This advance has the heartiest support of Bishop Moore, yet we fear it cannot be made unless special

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gifts be provided at least for a large share of the sum required. The rest of the new work asked for is practically, necessary, namely a new house and a dispensary at Nanchang-fu.

## Class 9. General Mission Expenses.

This class includes the expenses of our mission meetings, the Annual Meeting, the Estimate and Redistribution Meetings, also of the Treasurer's office, and of the Sanitarium, providing for the up-keep of the Society's property at Kuling.

The above report will give to our readers a general idea of the relation of our mission to the Board on the financial side, and gives a view of what in one way might be considered the easiest of our financial problems. Each man comes to the Estimate meeting with his heart full of hope for the work in which he is personally engaged. He sees opportunities for enlarging it and puts in his estimate for the same. About work as it is very seldom does any question arise. But in regard to new work

there is a careful consideration of the pros and cons. This I have said The struggle is not so difficult. comes after we hear from home that we are getting from four to five thousand dollars, gold, less than we estimate for. All this then has to be redistributed, and some one must give up that on which his heart has long been set. It is hard to do it, but some one must. It takes much Christian grace to yield at times, and sometimes it almost seems to the one who must give up, that the majority are trying to hinder his work. The decision, however, is made only after carefully weighing all the different The next Redistribution meeting is to be held in Jan. 1904.

#### Special Requests.

After the session was over a letter from Dr. H. K. Carroll stated that certain special gifts were to be distributed and requested that any needs that were particularly pressing might be represented to the Board that it might take action upon them. At a called meeting the following items were presented from the different sections of our mission, and approved by the Finance committee, as that for which there was an imperative demand.

1. For rooming two	o nouses	
in Chinkiang .		\$ 300.
2. Towards Centra	1 Church	
Nanking		\$ 500.
3. For land for	Nanking	
University		\$ 500.
4. For Second St.		
in Wuhu		\$ 500.
5. For land at Ng	anking.	\$ 500.
6. For hospital site	at Nan-	

chang-fu . . . . . \$ 500. 7. For dispensary building at Nanchang-fu . . . \$ 500.

8. For house for foreign evangelist at Nanchang. \$2000.

#### Invitations.

Invitations to join our mission were heartily extended to two men now on the field, but not connected with any mission. These were Dr. H. C. Barrie, and J. R. Trindle. Their final appointment as members of our mission provided they see fit to accept the invitation, rests with the Board at home. It is hoped that nothing will interfere with this excellent addition to our number.

#### The W.F.M.S. Estimates.

The Estimate Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at the same time as that of the General Board, but in separate sessions. The work at each station was carefully considered and only the most imperative needs included in the estimates.

Ten missionaries and four new buildings have been asked for besides the regular expenses of the work.

The first district to be named is Chinkiang. The first item in the estimates of Chinkiang, to which we desire to call your attention, is that of a teacher for the Chinkiang Girls' School. This is a request which has been made in previous years and each year of delay makes the necessity of the case more urgent.

The women are accessible and willing to hear the gospel whether at a place of worship or in their own homes. The doctors have had the work of giving the gospel to the women within reach, in charge, and they have accompanied the young Chinese helpers as it is impossible for them to go out by themselves on account of Chinese customs. But the doctors' time is very limited, and the evangelistic work connected with the healing art is of the first importance.

Some one is needed to train these helpers, to go out with them, and to devote her time and strength entirely to this work. This makes the request for two new missionaries the most important of any among the new items in the Chinkiang estimates and the committee wish to emphasize the urgent need.

The second district in order is Nanking. The first item to be emphasized outside of the regular work, is the estimate for \$5000. for the purchase of land and the erection of a new building for the Girls' School. The grounds occupied by the W.F.M.S. at Nanking are very small, as it was very difficult to secure land when it was bought. It now possible to buy the land extending from our back boundary to the street, thus comfortably enlarging our grounds, and making possible the natural growth of the school. Our school is now fifteen years old, and has greatly out-grown its present accommodations. It has good reputation among the Chinese and is attracting pupils from the higher classes of Chinese and if we would meet the present demands we should enlarge our buildings at once. By putting an addition to the present school building and connecting the home with it, we shall have accommodations for the school which will be quite satisfactory. This will require the building of a new home. It we do not buy the land this year we are in danger of losing our opportunity of getting it, and thus seriously crippling the work.

Bishop Moore looked over the proposed purchase of land and the plans for building, and gave them his hearty approval. The missionaries of the General Board are very anxious to have our work so enlarged.

The need for two additional missionaries at Nanking is urgent, and if possible, they should be sent at once. Mrs. Davis' unexpected home going has crippled the work. The increase in attendance and the introduction of English in the course of study, makes the work too heavy for one person so that not only is some one needed to help during Mrs. Davis' absence, but the school demands the work of two missionaries continuously.

The evangelistic work both in city and country constantly increases and we feel that we should not close it, but we cannot carry on all the work now opened with our present staff of workers.

Our next district is Wuhu. earnestly hope that our estimate of \$5000, for land and home will be granted without delay. A home for our workers in Wuhu is imperative. Much of our work during the last six years has been lost because of frequent change of location and unsuitable buildings. It is more and more difficult to rent buildings at Wuhu, and rent is high and very unprofitable, for the rent for one year is three fifths the interest on the sum required for land and building, a continual drain on the treasury with nothing to show for it.

Wuhu is growing very rapidly and desirable sites are becoming scarcer and more expensive, hence we increase our difficulty by delay. We hope that the two women so long begged for and expected to take up the work in Wuhu, will come this autumn. They are sorely needed. Miss Mitchell was compelled to leave a fine work in the city, and needs on the district are even greater. Wuhu is the center of a

rich, fertile, and populous district, and very open for evangelistic work. There are quite a number of flourishing stations opened by the General Board, but we are not prepared to cooperate with them in building up and establishing the church in these places. Send us two missionaries for Wuhu, we plead; send them at once.

Leaving Wuhu we come next to Kiukiang where we, find the work also crying loudly for enlargement. The present Kiukiang School building was intended for the accommodation of about fifty pupils. The requirements of the present far exceed the facilities afforded. Seventy pupils have been crowded into the building. From time to time infant children, and occasionally older orphans, have been committed to the care of the mission at Kiukiang. With the growth of the work the present building is no more than equal to the accommodation of the orphans and the primary pupils. The need is urgent to provide a building for the higher grades, also in view of promoting selfsupport. It has been suggested that the friends of the late Mrs. S. A. Rulison Fish be allowed to raise \$5000. for the erection of a new school building at Kiukiang as a memorial to her devoted life and exceptional service, to the cause of missions especially in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. friends have suggested that such a memorial be placed at Kiukiang, a point of especial interest to the departed one. Two new missionaries are still asked for Kiukiang District. Miss Driebelbeis' furlough will be due in another year, and a woman should be in training now that she may be ready to take up the work when it is neccessary for her to go home. .

The Kiukiang District contains three circuits upon only one of which has it been possible for the present force to visit and establish day-schools and evangelistic work. Miss Howe ought not to be relied upon to do this work for any considerable length of time, hence it is imperative that another missionary be getting ready to take it up. We most earnestly pray for the two new missionaries for the Kiukiang District.

The doctors in charge of the Danforth Memorial Hospital at Kiukiang have to the present time made their home in a rented house. It is desirable that the home in connection with the medical work be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. In view of this we ask the sum of \$3000, to provide a home for the physician in charge.

We come now to the newest and most remote of the five districts where the W.F.M.S. has established work in Central China, -Nan Chang. The missionaries in charge have followed the instructions of the Society in purchase of land, the erection of buildings, to the very best of their knowledge and ability. It has been impossible to make the \$7000. offering provided for this work, pay for the land and buildings authorized by the Society. It was found that the deficit, about \$600., could be paid later, the contractor agreeing to finish the buildings and wait until the money could be raised, charging no interest. With this opportunity to complete the buildings so much needed, and with the advice of Bishop Moore and the building committee, the work was continued, as per original plan. Hence the very patent need of the \$600, asked to make up this deficit.

The W.F.M.S. home in Nan Chang has had no money provided for furniture. The bare house explains the need of \$200. asked for this purpose.

Two new missionaries to occupy the evangelistic field in Nan Chang District are greatly needed. The missionaries of the Woman's Board are joined by an earnest request from the Presiding Elder that very special attention be given to this estimate.

The 25 scholarships asked for are not more than half the number that will probably be in school, but it is expected that the others will be self-supporting.

We are exceedingly glad to be able to establish a work in a place where about 50 per cent of the pupils wil be self-supporting, and where every pupil will be expected to pay something, from the first. But we must not value self-support beyond the training of girls in Christian families, thus over-looking the time honored custom of our church at home, of giving special help to those who give promise of service to the church in future years.

No money has been given for furniture for dormitory or dining room in this school, hence the \$200. asked to provide this is indis pensable.

The property of the W.F.M.S. in Nan Chang is adjacent to land occupied by squatters, who have menaced the safety of the lives and property of the Society and made it neccessary to appeal to the authorities for protection. When the matter was brought before the magistrate, he advised the purchase of the strip of land lying between ours and a temple about 150 feet distant, so removing the irresponsible class of people living there. The item for land and wall is to meet this need.

The Estimate Meeting and the Reference Committee feel that to ask and expect less than these estimates show, would be to deliberately stop their ears and close their eyes to the most splendid opportunity it is possible for any mission field to offer, opened by the Holy Spirit, who Himself certainly urges His ancient command "go." It grieves us to know that the kingdom of God is held back from coming to these vast and populous regions, ready as they have never been before to receive it, for the lack of money—a sum so small that in many another enterprise a multiple of the amount could be raised with enthusiastic ease.

We pray that the churches at home may awaken more fully to their majestic privilege, and in some more nearly adequate measure rise to meet it.

> K. L. O. Secretary Reference Committee.

#### Chinkiang Extras.

Two events of more than ordinary monthly interest have recently occurred at Chinkiang. First the Closing Exercises of the Girls' School. The program was largely in English; and as there was no graduating class the Kindergarten Department was given the right of way. These promising young scions acquitted themselves, in song and recitation, worthy of the traditions of the school, and the constant care with which they are trained. When the entire school united in song, to hear was to be inspired.

A number of the girls have gone to their homes for the summer vacation but on account of the orphanage and other reasons a goodly number remains in constant residence, demanding constant care, and exercise of body and mind, and giving opportunity for unbroken and unprejudiced training.

The other yet more notable event was the John Wesley Bicentennial Celebration, on the day set for it by the churches in the home land. For several months preparations had been going on and the program rendered would have been creditable to any like church in America.

On the preceding Sunday the pastor preached a preparatory sermon. The program of the celebration began with the morning sermon by the P. E. Bro. Longden, in which the spirit and method of Wesley was dwelt upon. Then followed, in the Sunday School period, talks by various ones on The Ancestry and Early Life of Wesley, Susanna Wesley, Wesley the Student and Young Man, Some of Wesley's Colaborers, and Wesleyan Hymnology.

The work done by those Chinese young men and women in preparation for the program will be of permanent benefit to them, and their performance was both creditable to them and helpful to all. To the general body of the congregation, "the great unlearned", it gave some idea of the basal thought and work of the Church; to the membership it gave a feeling of fellowship with a great body; those who did most work in getting up the program got most benefit. The Chinkiang Church proposes to keep as much as possible in step with the universal tread of Methodism.

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